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c.1855-1880's

319-301 E. Cross St. (South side)/1127-1129 Hall Alley (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

Although a number of houses were originally built along the south side of the 300 block of E. Cross St. in the 1830's or earlier, none now survive in their original condition, if at all. The block is improved mainly with late Victorian style houses. At 313-319 E. Cross St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1877-1878 by Joseph Thuman, a local house carpenter. At 309 E. Cross St. (to the west of Hall Alley, which runs down the center of the block), there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, which may, however, represent a remodeling of the original 1830's-period brick house known to have existed on this site. At 305-307 E. Cross St. there is a pair of late Victorian style two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. Finally, at 303 E. Cross St., there is a three story, two bay wide brick house and at 301 E. Cross St., a three story, three bay wide brick house, both of which have shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. These latter two houses seem to represent post Civil War remodelings of original gable-roofed houses built on the site about 1855. At 1127-1129 Hall Alley there is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements, which are typical of the type of small alley house built for low-income families in the 1850's and 1860's. The houses are the only surviving houses along this block of Hall Alley, which was originally improved with a number of such houses.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

305-307 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
— STRUCTURE
— SITE
— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS
— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
— UNOCCUPIED
— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
— YES: UNRESTRICTED
— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE — MUSEUM
— COMMERCIAL — PARK
— EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
— ENTERTAINMENT — RELIGIOUS
— GOVERNMENT — SCIENTIFIC
— INDUSTRIAL — TRANSPORTATION
— MILITARY — OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story, three bay brick houses with shed roofs represents replacements of the original gable roofed houses built on this site in the 1840's and which formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Cross St. The houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 90' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 305 Cross has an extra one story high, three bay deep addition and 307 Cross has a one bay deep second story frame bathroom addition projecting out over the rear yard. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades have been covered with formstone. The houses share a centrally located double rectangular chimney, located on the rear section of the roof. There is no cornice.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills cannot be determined because of the formstone covering, it appears that all of the lintels were flat, either splayed brick or wood. The sills are currently brick headers, but they could be contemporary with the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. Both houses have modern flush doors. There are no transom lights. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four brick steps each. Each house has a rectangular coal opening, now filled with three lights, located to the left of the steps.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1875-1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1870's and 1880's to accomodate the rapidly growing number of workers employed in the nearby shipyards, packing plants, and factories located along the waterfront east of Covington St. This three-bay wide version of the typical two story, Victorian-style house was built for a slightly more established class of people who could afford to live in larger, more comfortable surroundings than the usual two-bay wide house of this type. Houses such as these were generally sold outright to individual owner-occupants for prices ranging from about \$1200 to \$1400 (see under 1001-1027 Riverside Ave.) The original, scroll-sawed wooden cornice typical of such houses is missing from this pair.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 90' each**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Streuver Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

4/79

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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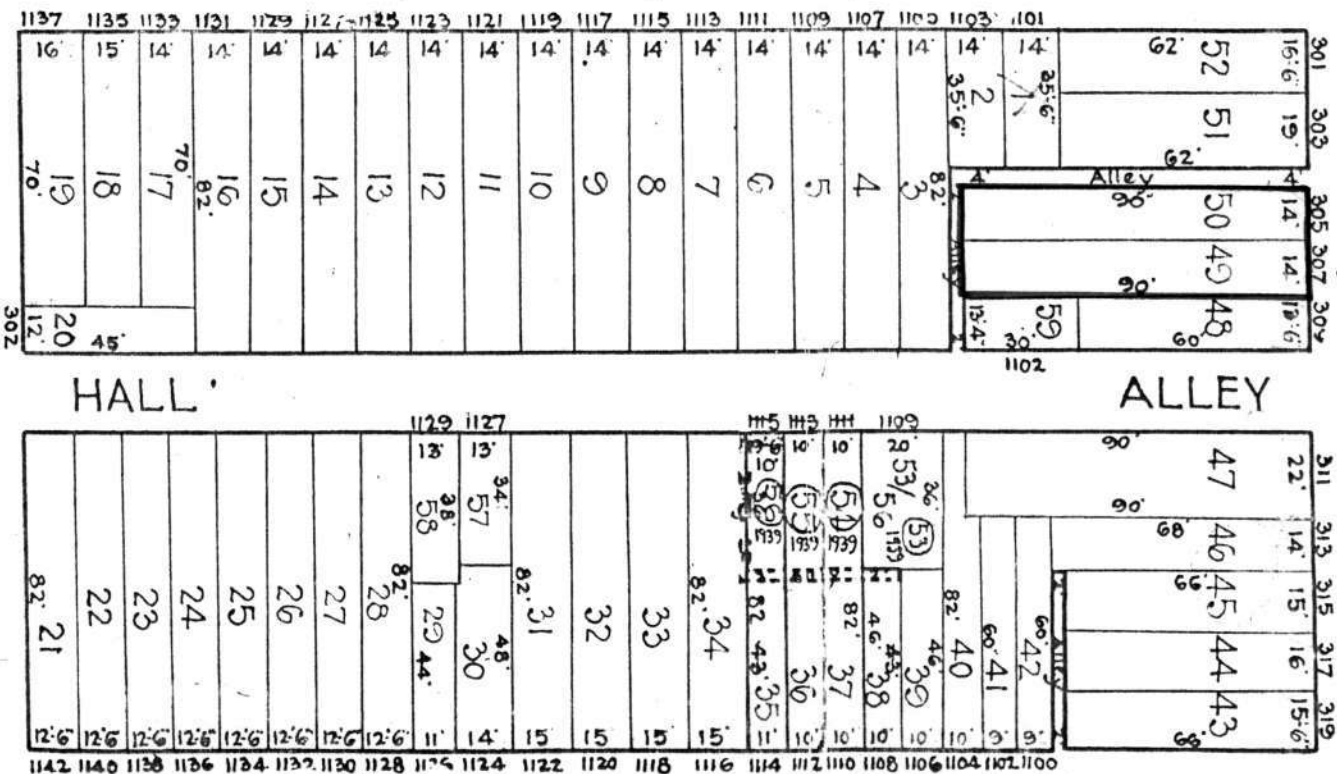
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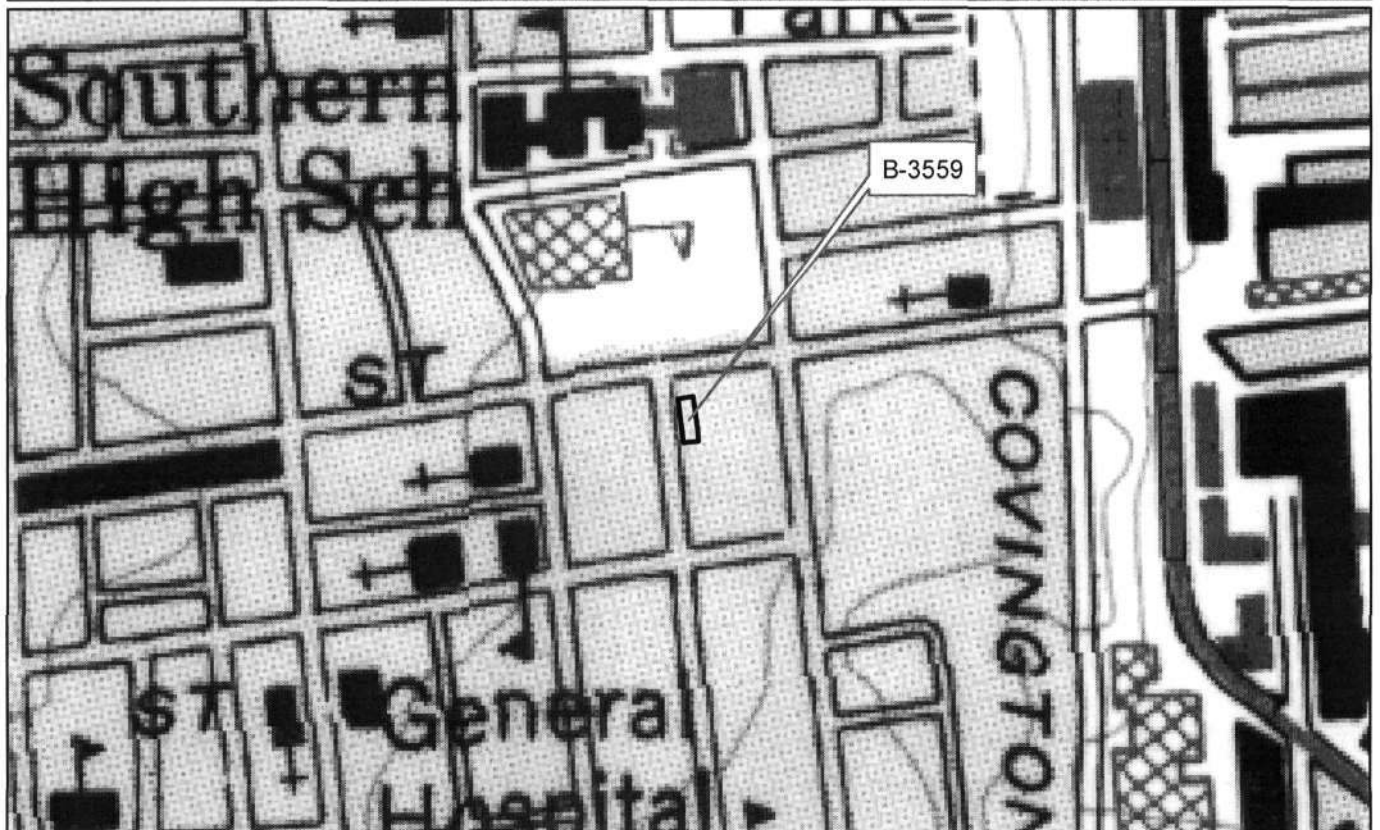
HALL

RIVERSIDE

E. WEST



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Block 1918 Lots 050-049
Baltimore City
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